



## MANITOBA GUILD OF ENGLISH HANDBELL RINGERS

MONTHLY UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

### FALL WORKSHOP OFFERING BY MBGEHR

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

**Westwood Presbyterian Church in Assiniboia  
197 Browning Blvd.**

(Go south off Portage Avenue at Westwood Drive, turn left at Browning Blvd.)

The Manitoba Guild of English Handbell Ringers invites all bell ringing enthusiasts to attend this fall's workshop of music, learning, and fellowship. It is a wonderful time to gain new insights into the fascinating world of handbell ringing. Admission is **FREE** for individual members and those belonging to membership choirs who have paid up their membership for 2015-2016. **\$5.00** fee for non-members or those who have not paid up their 2015-2016 membership. Please extend an invitation to your fellow bell ringers.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> WORKSHOP OFFERINGS

9:00 a.m. Welcoming and setting up.

9:30 -10:30 a.m. Please check off which workshop you will attend.

\_\_\_ A. *Brand New Ringers Workshop* – Tracey Wright

If you want to try handbells for the first time, are a novice ringer, or just want to brush up on the basics, this workshop is for you. Learn how to correctly ring, damp, and shake. We will also work on controlling the tempo and volume of the bell. This is a great introduction session for new members to your handbell choir.

\_\_\_ B. *Bell Tree Processionals* – Patsy Andrews-Vert

Bell Trees can add interest, beauty or electricity to your performance. Learn how to use them in Processional, as accompaniments, or for playing a melody in a new and unusual way. Focus will be on playing a bell tree, and learning about using mallets, presentation, repertoire and performance considerations. If time allows, construction of a bell tree will also be looked at.

\_\_\_ C. *Care and Nurturing of your Handbell Equipment* – Morna-June Morrow

There are some basic things about maintaining a handbell which every bell ringer should know. What do you do when some part of a bell breaks, becomes loose, or can't even ring? Learn some tips for general nurturing of your handbells and cases so that they will maintain a long life-span. **PLEASE BRING YOUR REPAIR KIT WITH YOU.**

10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Refreshment and Annual General Meeting

11:15 – 12:15 Please check off which workshop you will attend.

\_\_\_\_\_ D. *Handbell and Chime Ringing Techniques* – Susan Stevenson

Ever wondered what that wiggly line beside a note means, what's the difference between a martellato and an echo, what does LV mean or vib.? In this workshop we will work through (define, demonstrate and practice) the notations most commonly found in handbell and handchime music and discuss some of the more obscure ones if time permits. If you have come across a notation/technique which has you stumped, please bring your music along and we will try to help you interpret it.

\_\_\_\_\_ E. *Round Table Discussion Reflecting on Repertoire: Christmas, Easter, Wedding, Sacred, Secular, Ensembles* – Tracey Wright and Morna-June Morrow

This will be a session where repertoire will be suggested for seasonal and other periods of the year. It will be a sharing of ideas from those in attendance. Perhaps you would like to share some selection(s) that really worked for you and the handbell ringers.

\_\_\_\_\_ F. *Read and Ring of Newly Published Materials* – Patsy Andrews-Vert

Sight read with fellow handbell ringers through some of the latest new compositions on the market.

**Things to Bring on September 12th**

- **Choir Membership Form and Payment (if not already received by Morna-June Morrow, MBGEHR Treasurer)**
- **Questions you may have for discussion**
- **Your smiles and enthusiasm**

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Which handbell choir(s) do you ring with? \_\_\_\_\_

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**KINDLY PRE-REGISTER WITH MEMBERSHIP TREASURER BY SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

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